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**Power Generation in Gujarat**

6210. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of increase in the power generation capacity of each power station in Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the power generation capacity of these power stations in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) During last three years, power generation capacity in Gujarat has been increased by adding new units during 1994-95 to 1996-97 by commissioning of new stations as per details given below :

| Sl. No. | Name of the stations located in Gujarat & Implementing Agency | Unit No. of unit added | Capacity (MW) | Commissioning date (Month/ Year) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| I. | 1994-95 : | | | |
| | Gandhar CCGT-NTPC | GT-3 | 131 | GT-3 5/94 |
| | | ST | 255 | ST 3/95 |
| | | | 386 | |
| II. | 1995-96 : | | | |
| | Hazira CCGT- | GT-1,2&3 | 3 x 110 | GT-1 8/95 |
| | M/s. Essar Gujarat | | = 330 | GT-2 8/95 |
| | PVt. Ltd. | | | GT-3 11/95 |
| III. | 1996.97 : | | | |
| | Kutch Lignite TPS | U-III | 75 | 31.3.1997 (Rolled) |

(b) and (c) Details of stations located in Gujarat whoaa is given below : capacity addition programmes are currently under execution

| Sl. No. | Project | Capacity (MW) | Commissioning Schedule Original/Revised |
|---|---|---|---|
| On-Going Projects: | | | |
| 1. | Kadana PSS | 60 | 1985-86/1997-98 |
| 2. | Sardar Sarovar (Multi State) | 1450 | 1994-96/1998-2002 |
| 3. | Gandhi Nagar TPS Unit 5 | 210 | 1997-98/—— |
| 4. | Hazira CCGT | 515 | 1997-98/—— |
| 5. | Paguthan CCGT | 655 | 9th Plan/—— |

*[English]*

**Employees Provident Fund**

6211. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees in Cannanore and Kasargod districts of Kerala who are contributing to Employees Provident Fund;

(b) the number of employees who have received pension from Employees Provident Fund pension scheme, so far, in these districts;

(c) whether provident fund office located at Calicut has been facing any difficulties in speedy disposal of pension applications; and

(d) if so, reasons therefor and the steps taken to clear the backlog ?

.THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) There are 77,745 and 53,711 EPF

subscribers in Cannanore and Kasargod Districts of Kerala respectively.

(b) So far 535 EPF subscribers of Cannanore and 33 of Kasargode district have received pension under the EPF & MP Act, 1952.

(c) and (d) The pension applications complete in all respects are processed and disposed of promptly. However, some times difficulties arise in speedy disposal when applications are in-complete or are not properly filled by the beneficiaries. In order to remove the difficulties of the subscribers explanatory meetings, seminars and workshops were organised in the area to educate the members to prepare the application forms correctly. Pension Adalats have also been conducted to correct the objections/ anomalies in the pension applications on the spot.

**Pending Reply**

6212. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4416 dated September 4, 1996 and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) The complete details are still awaited from the State Government. The Government of J&K are being reminded regularly.

**RBI Instructions Regarding Loan Interest**

6213. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued directions not to take loan at the interest of high rate, the payment of which financial policies are likely to be affected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the instructions of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regarding rate of interest of loans to be charged by banks. RBI have reported that scheduled commercial banks are free to determine their own lending rate on their advances with credit limits of over Rs. 2 lakh. Banks are required to declare a prime lending rate (PLR) which will be the minimum rate charged by the banks for credit limit of over R.s 2 lakh. Banks are also required to announce the maximum spread over the PLR for all advances other than consumer credit. Reserve Bank of India have in February 1997 clarified to the banks that they are allowed to prescribe PLRs and spread over PLRs separately for loan component and cash credit component with approval of their respective boards.

*[Translation]*

**Development of Cities**

6214. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the cities developed in Rajasthan during the past five years;

(b) the schemes proposed to be undertaken for the development of various cities of the State this year and funds earmarked for the purpose;

(c) whether the Rajasthan Government have submitted some proposals in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision being taken in this regard;

(e) whether the World bank is providing any financial assistance in this regard; and

(f) if so, the project-wise quantum of assistance being provided in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d) Projects for integrated development of infrastructure in selected towns/cities having population upto 5 lakhs are supported under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT). During the past 5 years, 19 towns/cities in Rajasthan (mentioned in the attached statement) were covered under IDSMT and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 504.50 lakhs released to the State Government. Till December, 1996, the State Government have reported a total expenditure of Rs. 280.04 lakhs on implementing the approved projects in these towns. For 1997-98, funds have not been earmarked Statewise and the coverage of new projects under IDSMT during the current financial year will be considered after meeting the requirement for projects already covered under the Revised Scheme. During 1997-98, no project proposals under IDSMT have been received from Government of Rajasthan.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise.